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SENATOR DE CAMP: Mr. President and members of the Legislature. As I said, the objection that's going to be raised to the amendment is that it would put the highway funds in jeopardy. All you have to do is read the amendment and realize that it doesn't do anything until the Governor or the Department of Roads or whoever the officials are actually make a decision to do something. So they're not going to do anything to jeopardize the highway funds. That's obvious. So, that objection falls flat. The amendment does not change the speed limit. It leaves the bill exactly as it is but if, in two months or six months or fifteen months, I don't know how long this thing's going to last, these officials determine that it is more economical and more efficient and will not jeopardize the highway funds or cause any problem. If they determine this and they determine they want to therefore allow these vehicles to conserve gas by operating at a different speed and not jeopardize the highway funds, this bill with this amendment will then give them the flexibility to do this. But it doesn't do anything immediately at all and as I say, all they have to do as Senator Carpenter repeatedly says, read the amendment. You're saying in effect, Senator Kremer, that the Governor is going to cut his own throat and destroy the highway funds himself. That's obviously not true.

PRESIDENT: Senator Marsh, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR MARSH: To ask a question of Senator DeCamp, please.

PRESIDENT: Senator DeCamp, do you yield to a question?

SENATOR DE CAMP: Yes.

SENATOR MARSH: Senator DeCamp, under the amendment which we have already adopted, would the Governor be able to make this decision if it was discovered after we adjourned that this new rule would benefit the State of Nebraska?

SENATOR DE CAMP: I'm not sure I understand the question. Under the amendment that's already been adopted?

SENATOR MARSH: Yes sir.

SENATOR DE CAMP: I'd have to read that amendment more thoroughly. I mean it was adopted rather rapidly.

SENATOR MARSH: All right.

PRESIDENT: Any further discussion? If not, the motion is to adopt the DeCamp amendment. All those in favor, say aye. All those opposed, say nay. All in favor say aye. Opposed say nay. The motion loses. Now, before we go to other....are there other amendments? All right, before we go to the bill then, I would like to introduce to the Legislature in the north balcony first of all from Ashton, Nebraska, 13 seventh and eighth grade students from St. Francis School and with them is Sister Theophane. They are from Senator Rasmussen's district. And also in the north balcony from Grand Island, District 1-R, 19 eighth grade students. With them teachers Jack Cooper and Terry Lacey and they are from Senator Kelly's district. We're happy to have you here today. Now go to the bill and if there are no further amendments, Senator Kremer, what shall we do with the bill?

SENATOR KREMER: Well, Mr. Chairman, unless there are further questions, I think we all know what the bill is about. I learned recently that all the surrounding states surrounding Nebraska including Missouri, Iowa, South Dakota, Wyoming, Colorado and I